



11th Annual Strengthening Youth & Families Conference

October 14-16, 2015

Embassy Suites Conference Center ~ San Marcos, TX

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The *Strengthening Youth and Families Conference* is Texas' only interagency-funded annual conference for youth-serving professionals, attracting over 300 attendees who come together for several days of networking and professional development. Conference partners include Health and Human Services Commission and Texas System of Care, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the State Volunteer Resource Council for Texas Youth, Texas Juvenile Justice Providers Association, Texas Education Agency, Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and Prairie View A&M University's Juvenile Crime Prevention Center.

The Conference Planning Committee seeks to offer workshops related to the promotion of positive youth development and the prevention, intervention, and treatment of high risk behaviors in youth. Workshops will be geared to a multi-disciplinary audience of youth-serving professionals, volunteers, and family members.

A limited number of workshop slots are available for individuals and groups interested in conducting presentations at this conference. Each workshop will be limited to either 60 or 90 minutes. Applicants interested in providing presentations on multiple topics must submit separate applications for each topic. Stronger consideration will be given to proposals that include presenters or co-presenters with lived experiences in accessing services and/or to presentations related to evidence-based or evidence-informed practices. **Applications must be received by June 12, 2015 to be considered.** The primary speaker for each workshop will be given a complimentary conference registration; the secondary speaker will be given a 50% discount off the registration fee. Hotel accommodations and travel costs are the responsibility of the presenters. Finalists will be notified by July 1, 2015.

Examples of Workshop Areas

- ♦ Youth development and resiliency
- ♦ Community engagement strategies
- ♦ Community resource development
- ♦ Substance use and current trends
- ♦ Effective parenting strategies
- ♦ Motivating change
- ♦ Faith-based initiatives
- ♦ Innovative programs and practices
- ♦ Specialty courts
- ♦ Prevention or intervention initiatives
- ♦ Promoting educational success
- ♦ Mentoring youth
- ♦ Mediation skills
- ♦ Ethics
- ♦ Effective advocacy
- ♦ Intimate partner violence
- ♦ Human trafficking
- ♦ Working with social media and youth
- ♦ Suicide prevention
- ♦ Family engagement (including extended families)
- ♦ Youth and families with multi-system involvement
- ♦ Adverse childhood experiences
- ♦ Cultural competency
- ♦ Understanding mental health issues & treatment
- ♦ Self-injurious behavior
- ♦ Family-driven care
- ♦ Role of the volunteer in strengthening youth and families
- ♦ Families of veterans
- ♦ Trauma informed treatment and care
- ♦ Volunteer engagement
- ♦ The volunteer advocate
- ♦ Working with special populations of youth (gender-specific, LGBTQ, gangs, etc.)
- ♦ Integrated service coordination
- ♦ Diversion initiatives
- ♦ Self-care for providers, volunteers, and parents
- ♦ Evaluating prevention or treatment programs

If you have any questions regarding the Call for Presenters, please contact Tracy Levins at (512) 490-7982 or email Tracy.Levins@TJJD.Texas.Gov.

Presenter Application

Primary Presenter's Name:		Position/Title:	
Employer/Organization:			
Email:		Preferred Phone:	
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Co-presenters (Include all other presenters. You may add rows or an additional page.)			
Name:	Position/Title:		Organization:

1. Please check dates that you are available to present: (*check all that apply*)
☐ October 14, 2015 ☐ October 15, 2015 ☐ October 16, 2015
2. Workshop Title:

3. Are you willing to repeat your presentation if necessary?
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Are you willing to modify your presentation in the following ways (*check all that apply*)?
☐ Panel presentation with other presenters on similar topics
☐ Co-presenting with one other speaker
☐ Tabletop poster presentation
5. How long is your workshop?
☐ 60 minutes ☐ 90 minutes
6. To be eligible for CEUs, *presentations must clearly address at least one of the following areas of continuing education. Check all that apply to your workshop.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Screening	<input type="checkbox"/> Intake	<input type="checkbox"/> Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Case management	<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis intervention
<input type="checkbox"/> Client education	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with other professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> Report writing & record keeping	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV	
7. **Learning objectives:** Please describe the specific skills, tools, or knowledge attendees will take away from your presentation, by completing the following sentence: *As a result of attending this workshop, participants will be able to:*
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

8. **Workshop Abstract:** In **200 words or less**, please provide a well-written, general description of the overall session. If the proposed workshop is accepted, this description (subject to editing) will be used in the conference program. ***(Please attach a content outline of your presentation as well.)***
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9. What are your teaching methods (lecture, role-playing, discussion, etc.)?
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10. Qualifications of Presenter. (No more than **75 words per presenter.**) Include professional credentials. This paragraph will be used in the conference program (subject to editing) and in the application for CEUs.
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11. Audio/Visual Needs: **Please note that only the AV equipment you identify here will be reserved for your presentation.**

☐ Laptop

☐ Other: _____

☐ LCD Projector/Screen

☐ Will bring my own equipment* (please indicate the type of equipment you intend to bring) _____

☐ Flip Chart/Markers

☐ Audio Speakers for Laptop

** If bringing your own MAC equipment, we are unable to provide adapters or connectors to our equipment.*

☐ Internet Connection

E-mail submissions are preferred (Microsoft Word Document). Submission of your application does not guarantee your presentation will be selected for inclusion in the conference.

All proposals for consideration must be received no later than June 12, 2015.

Submit your application via email to: Tracy.Levins@TJJD.Texas.Gov

Or mail to:

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